

REMARKS

Claims 1-40 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-16 were withdrawn from consideration in a previously filed election with traverse. Accordingly, claims 17-40 were presented for examination. Claims 17-18, 25-26 and 28-29 were rejected. Claims 19-24, 27 and 30-36 were objected to. Claims 37-40 were allowed. Applicant is hereby canceling claims 1-16 without disclaimer and amending claims 17, 25 and 29. Applicant is also adding new claims 41-48. Support for the new claims 41-48 and all claim amendments is found in the specification as originally filed (*see, e.g.*, FIGS. 17-21). Reconsideration of this application as amended, and allowance of all pending claims are hereby respectfully requested.

Certified Copies of Priority Documents

In the Office Action, acknowledgment has been made of the foreign priority documents. However, the Examiner states that the Office did not receive a certified copy of Japanese patent application no. 11/294069 filed on 10/15/1999. As the Examiner has noted, the present application was filed via the Patent Cooperation Treaty. Applicant asserts, therefore, that the International Bureau should have provided the required certified copies. (*See* MPEP § 1828, which states that the International Bureau will furnish copies of priority documents to the various designated Offices.) The Examiner's cooperation and additional inquiry into this matter with the International Bureau is requested. Furthermore, the Applicant requests that this the issue be held in abeyance until the issue can be resolved with the International Bureau.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 17-18, 25-26 and 28-29 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being anticipated by Bizen (JP 10-226102). Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the claims in view of the amendments presented herein and the following arguments. For at least the reasons stated below, Bizen does not disclose or suggest each and every element of the claimed invention.

The present invention, as recited in amended claim 17 for example, relates to a driving integrated circuit device for supplying a driving current to a light-emitting device. The integrated circuit device includes a data storage circuit for storing data signals in a sequential order. The integrated circuit further achieves time division driving without changing the sequential order of the data input.

Bizen does not disclose or suggest “a data selecting circuit for selecting and extracting ... the data signals stored in the data signal storage circuit *without changing the sequential order*” as recited in independent claims 17, 25 and 29 as amended. In contrast to the Applicant’s claimed invention, Bizen discloses in FIG. 2 the use of various gates that are used to change the order of data that is fed to the data signal storage circuit. That is, in Bizen it is necessary to change the order of data input to achieve time-division driving.

Additionally, Bizen does not disclose or suggest “a division timing generating circuit for generating m division timing signals from a signal fed from the timing control circuit” as recited in independent claim 25 as amended. In contrast to the Applicant’s claimed invention, Bizen provides separate odd-numbered correction data storage and even-numbered correction data storage. One advantage of the claimed feature is that the division timing generating circuit obviates the need to provide separate odd-numbered correction data storage and even-numbered

correction data storage as taught by Bizen. Therefore, Bizen does not teach or suggest a division timing generating circuit as presently claimed.

Regarding dependent claims 18, 26, 28 and 41-48, Bizen does not teach or suggest each and every claim element for at least the reasons stated above with respect to the independent claims. The dependent claims also include additional patentable recitations.

Because Bizen fails to disclose each and every element of the claimed invention, it cannot anticipate claims 17-18, 25-26 and 28-29 as amended or new claims 41-48 which are dependent therefrom. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are therefore respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter/Claim Objections

Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the allowance of claims 37-40 and the indication that claims 19-24, 27 and 30-36 include allowable subject matter.

Claims 19-24, 27 and 30-36 were objected to, however, as being dependent on a rejected base claim. For at least the reasons stated above with respect to independent claims 17, 25 and 29, Bizen fails to anticipate the base claims. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection are therefore respectfully requested.

Conclusion

Accordingly, it is believed that all pending claims are now in condition for allowance. Applicant therefore respectfully requests an early and favorable reconsideration and allowance of this application. If there are any outstanding issues which might be resolved by an interview or

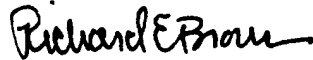
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an Examiner's amendment, the Examiner is invited to call Applicant's representative at the telephone number shown below.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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